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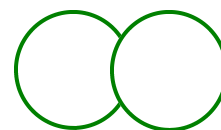
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Be sure and checkout this website !!!

LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

**2007 Annual Technical & Business Conference
"Back to the Basics"
April 25 - 27, 2007**



TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH

6:00 pm Officers/Board Meeting - Best Western Hotel: Bamboo Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25TH

7:30 - 12:30 **Open Space Tech Tour** - Oak Wing Golf Club-2345 Vandenberg Dr., Alexandria
Wayne Berggren, CFM, LA - 504 762-2296

10:00 - 3:00 **REGISTRATION - Best Western Hotel Atrium Area**

1:30 **WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS - Plantation Room**

Mike Hunnicutt, CFM - LFMA Chairman

Butch Lindsay, President - Rapides Parish Police Jury

Chapter Business - Nomination of Officers

Rod Emmer - LFMA Executive Director

1:45 **Back to the Basics** from the Local Official to the Federal Official

Pam Mattingly, CFM - Calcasieu Parish Planning Dept.

Wayne Berggren, CFM - FEMA, Hazard Mitigation, NFIP

2:15 BREAK / EXHIBITS OPEN

2:30 **IBC and Building Materials**

Catherine Marx Kaake, P.E. - Southern Pine Council

3:30 **NFIP Design and Construction Standards**

David Hiegel, CFM - FEMA Region VI

4:00 **Showing of the Film: "Hurricane on the Bayou"**

Dale Stastny - Audubon Institute

6:00 **WELCOME RECEPTION** (wine,cheese,snacks) Hospitality Suite: Rattan Room
Dinner on your own

THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH

8:00 - NOON **REGISTRATION - EXHIBITS OPEN - CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:30 **LaMP - Louisiana Mapping Project - Plantation Room**

Bart Standley - the Michael Baker Group

9:00 **Map Modernization for the State of Louisiana**

Gary Zimmerer - FEMA Region VI

10:00 BREAK / EXHIBITS

10:15 **Storm Surge Modeling and Results**

Durund Elzey, Sr., Project Manager - USACE, New Orleans District

11:15 **CRS - Community Rating System**

Rodney Smith, CFM - ISO

Noon **AWARDS LUNCHEON**

HOST: Michael Hunnicutt, CFM - LFMA Chairman

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: David Maurstad, Director, FEMA Mitigation Division
and Federal Insurance Administrator

2:00 **Effects of Map Changes on Flood Insurance**

Dorothy Martinez, CFM - Computer Sciences Corporation

3:00 **Local Community ICC Claims**

Tommy Rodrigue, CFM - Jefferson Parish Government

3:30 BREAK / EXHIBITS

4:00 **Building Back Smarter: "Plan, Prepare, Protect"**

Pat Skinner, LSU Ag Center

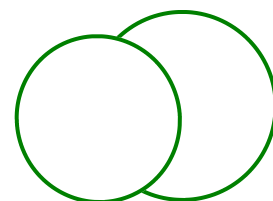
Larry Buss, CFM - UASCE NNFPC

Scott Ball - Road Home Professional Rebuilding Registry

6:00 **"LFMA GOES WILD"**

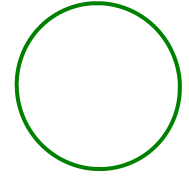
Alexandria Zoological Park - 3016 Masonic Dr., Alexandria, LA 71301

"Food, Spirits, Music and a few Animals"



FRIDAY, APRIL 27th

8:00 Continental Breakfast
8:30 CAP-SSSE - Plantation Room
James Demouchet, CFM - Caddo Parish
9:00 Selected Legal Issues - Did You Realize?
Jim Wilkins, Director - Louisiana Sea Grant Legal Advisory Service
9:30 Storm Surge Vulnerability Education..Maps, Models and GIS
Thomas Hymel, Watershed Educator - Louisiana Sea Grant
10:00 General Business Meeting - Election of Officers
Rod Emmer, LFMA Executive Director
10:30 Conference Wrap-Up
Michael Hunnicutt, CFM - LFMA Chairman
11:00 Conference Adjournment
Lunch on your own
1:00 - 4:00 Certified Floodplain Manager Exam - Bamboo Room
Melissa Becker, CFM - Proctor



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YOU MUST REGISTER TO TAKE THE CFM EXAM BY APRIL 13th, 2007

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LFMA ♦ Official Registration Form ♦ 2007 Conference

Please print or type

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
TITLE: _____ CITY/ST/ZIP: _____
FIRM: _____ PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

REGISTRATION includes:

Conference Packet, Wednesday Wine & Cheese Reception, Thursday Luncheon & Dinner

Registration [Please circle all that apply]

| | |
|--|--|
| MEMBERS | \$ 90.00 (early as possible - by April 9th) |
| NON-MEMBERS | \$ 120.00 (includes membership) |
| ONE DAY | \$ 40.00 (Thursday only) |
| SPOUSE | \$ 25.00 |
| LATE REGISTRATION | \$ 100.00 Member |
| " " | \$ 130.00 Non-member |
| FIELD TRIP | \$ 40.00 |
| LFMA T-SHIRT | \$ 15.00 (Choose Size: ____S - ____M - ____L - ____XL - ____XXL) |
| [EARLY Registration (by April 9th): T-SHIRT is Free] | |

(Please note any special dietary requirements for Luncheon; i.e., diabetic, salt restricted)

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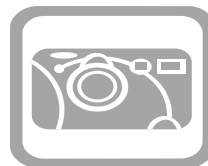
Registration Fee and this form should be mailed to:

Tom Rodrigue, CFM
LFMA Treasurer
P.O. Box 64725
Baton Rouge, LA 70896

ALL ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS

**SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY THROUGH THE BEST WESTERN, ALEXANDRIA, LA
2720 W. MACARTHUR DR. - 318 445-5530**

REFERENCE "LFMA"



Second Shot Is the Best Shot

by Dave Hiegel, CFM – DHS/FEMA Region VI

We all strive for wise floodplain management, and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) compliance. In turn, we are assuring the availability of flood insurance for our citizens.

In the permitting process of floodplain management, I commend those who require multiple Elevation Certificates (EC) for a structure. It is worrisome that four communities have called me in the last three months, asking “Oops, what do we do now?” -- New structures were built below the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). They are violations of the local Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (FDPO).

Several Louisiana communities use the following method and terminology:

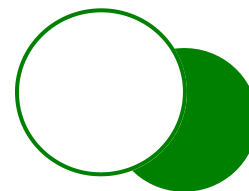
- “First shot” is when a surveyor ascertains the grade elevation and sets a reference mark on the site.
- “Second shot” is the Lowest Floor Elevation (LFE) taken just after the first floor has been framed, or forms have been set for a concrete slab (before the concrete pour please!)
- “Third shot” is the final EC.

Yes, it seems expensive. But not as expensive as violations are for both the owner and community. To save some cost for the owner, a permit official may choose to do the second shot as part of his or her inspection protocol. (Anyone looking for a valid reason to get out of the office?)

The LFMA, LADOTD and Region VI have been promoting professionalism through the Certified Floodplain Manager program. Think of inspections and 1st shots and 2nd shots and 3rd shots as the way professionals do floodplain management. Just do it. Your citizens will thank you!



Shane Rauh has resigned to pursue another career [good luck Shane!]. The new State Hazard Mitigation Officer is:
D. Casey Levy – 225/267-2673



FEMA REGION VI HAS A NEW EMPLOYEE...

ROY McCLURE has been assigned to Louisiana

He has been selected to work in the Mitigation Division. Roy comes from the Pensacola Area Field Office where he worked as a lead HMGP specialist and most recently as Acting Mitigation Director. He started working in floodplain management with the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources from 1990-95 assisting local communities with the NFIP requirements for over 20 years.

Roy has been in the U.S. Navy Reserves and was mobilized to Kuwait from August '03 to March '04.

We look forward to working with Roy.



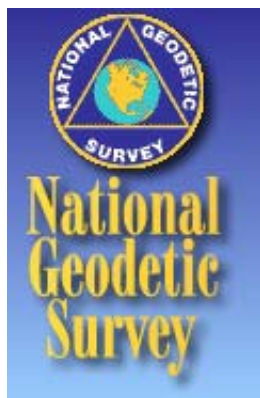
CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME

JACKSON PARISH

On January 16, 2007 Jackson Parish became an official NFIP community.

Jackson Parish, named after President Andrew Jackson, was created in 1845. Vernon was the parish seat until 1911 when voters moved the hub of parish government to Jonesboro. The parish's picturesque, rolling hills and Caney Creek Lake provides excellent recreation areas.

TRAINING SESSIONS



In partnership with FEMA, the Louisiana Spatial Reference Center @ LSU and several Parishes; the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) is involved with an outreach project.

This project is **training sessions** geared toward Parish Officials with the idea of letting them know what is being done within their communities to update vertical control for current and future rebuilding efforts.

These sessions will be one day events geared toward the users of vertical control, i.e., surveyors, engineers, etc.

Topics will cover the status of vertical control in southern Louisiana; and how to accomplish surveying and engineering projects using this updated control. Those projects also include elevation related work for flood insurance.

| <u>DATE/COMMUNITY</u> | <u>TRAINING SESSION AGENDA</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| Mar. 29 - Lake Charles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General overview of the current NGS project and survey control available from it |
| Mar. 30 - Lafayette | |
| April 2 - Baton Rouge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current status of Continuously Operated Reference Stations (CORS) in Louisiana, an approximate 3 hour session on GPS Derived Heights |
| April 3 - Houma | |
| April 4 - New Orleans | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time allowing: at the end of the day for FEMA to answer questions about how this project relates to their mission. |
| April 5 - Slidell | |

ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING SHOULD CONTACT:

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Tony Cavell – 225/578-457

The Governor of the State of Louisiana,
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco,
has proclaimed April, 2007 as Flood Awareness Month



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Louisiana citizens annually purchase more than 335,000 flood insurance policies to protect their homes, businesses, and property; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana can anticipate annual floods in all regions of the state; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important for Louisiana citizens to be informed about flood damage-reduction practices citizens may implement to protect their homes, businesses, and property; and
- WHEREAS,** this information is available and must be shared.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim April 2007, as

FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Louisiana, and I encourage all citizens to learn about and implement the many available practices that can reduce flood damage.



Attest By
The Governor

Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this*
the 9th day of February
A.D., 2007

Governor of Louisiana



**Gulf Coast Floods Recovery:
MISSION MITIGATION
April 9 - 12, 2007
New Orleans, LA
Intercontinental Hotel**

HOST: The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM)

SPONSOR: FEMA Transitional Recovery Offices in the Gulf Coast States

COOPERATING PARTIES: State Chapter floodplain management associations and the NFIP State Coordinators in LA, MS, AL, FL, TX; Univ. of New Orleans, Center for Hazard Assessment, Response and Technology; NOAA – Coastal Services Center and Sea Grant

www.floods.org/MissionMitigation

Gulf Coast communities suffered unfathomable damages in 2004 and 2005. How can we best help those affected by floods? What can we do to avoid this recurring? Comprehensive solutions to prevent future losses are needed NOW! This training workshop will identify mitigation measures Gulf Coast States and communities can undertake to minimize future damages as they cope with recovery and reconstruction. The speakers and facilitators are experienced practitioners who have many successes to share from working with multiple programs and entities through the years.

The workshop will be held noon Tuesday 4/10/07 through noon Thursday 4/12/07, with special training classes on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, plus a “mobile class” (field tour) on Tuesday morning. The target audience is flood hazard management staff at all levels of government and decision makers in flooded communities. Topics will include flood mitigation planning and program options, funding sources, construction standards, lessons learned, success stories, insurance issues, recovery mapping, grant applications, coastal challenges, legal implications, and more. Session themes of “Looking Ahead by Looking Back”, “Before the Storm”, “After the Storm”, and, “You Can Do It, We Can Help”, will include presentations by invited speakers along with facilitated group discussion among attendees. There will be ample networking opportunities to share ideas and challenges with your colleagues.

Scholarships for registration and travel expenses are available to local community officials in the Gulf Coast States (including Louisiana). Detailed information and the application for scholarships are on the ASFPM website. Please contact DEBBIE POND at asfpm@floods.org or 608-274-0123 if you have any questions about this or if you need assistance with qualifications or calculations. NOTE: Limited to 2 per local government entity (city, parish, etc.)



The **Association of State Floodplain Managers** will convene our 31st annual gathering – the world's largest and most comprehensive floodplain management conference – the week of June 3-8, 2007, in Norfolk, Virginia.

We invite you to share your experiences with local, state, and federal officials, industry leaders, consultants, and other interested parties by presenting a paper relevant to our theme, “Charting the Course to New Perspectives in Floodplain Management”.

www.floods.org/Conferences,%20Calendar/norfolk.asp



Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

We are here to provide any guidance needed to assure that NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

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